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SUBJECT: NATO DECLARATION: SPANISH INTEREST

PARIS PLEASE PASS ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. IN LIEU OF AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD, DCM MET ON MAY 30 WITH SPANISH AMBASSADOR MARQUES DE NERVA AT LATTER'S URGENT REQUEST AND AS RESULT OF INSTRUCTIONS WHICH HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM MFA MADRID.

2. DURING 30- MINUTE DISCUSSION, DCM DESCRIBED TO SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN GENERAL TERMS SUBJECTS LIKELY TO BE TREATED AT UPCOMING NPG, DPC AND NAC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. NERVA EVINced SOME INTEREST IN MBFR, CSCE AND NATO FORCE GOALS, BUT HIS MAJOR INTEREST CENTERED ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT A NATO DECLARATION MIGHT BE ISSUED DURING NAC MINISTERIAL JUNE 18-19 IN OTTAWA.

3. NERVA SAID GOS HAD NOTED PRESS REPORTS OF NEW UK TEXT FOR NATO DECLARATION. MADRID AWARE OF CONTENT EARLIER FRENCH TEXT WHICH HAD APPEARED IN FIGARO AND WHICH IT UNDERSTOOD TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE. GOS HOPES US-SPANISH DECLARATION PARALLELLING NATO DECLARATION MIGHT BE ISSUED AT ABOUT SAME TIME OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER; AND IT THEREFORE REQUESTS COPY OF UK TEXT NOW UNDER DISCUSSION IN NAC.

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4. DCM DESCRIBED EVOLUTION OF SUCCESSIVE CANADIAN, FRENCH, "THOUGHT GROUP," AND UK DRAFTS. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT TEXT CURRENTLY BEFORE NAC IS WORKING DRAFT UNDER NEGOTIATION AMONG ALLIES LINEAGE OF WHICH DERIVES FROM UK TEXT BUT WITH

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS. NERVA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY AND THAT GOS HAD NEVER WISHED INTERVENE IN DISCUSSIONS AMONG NATO ALLIES. HOWEVER, MFA MADRID DID WISH TO OBTAIN FROM US TEXT OF ORIGINAL UK DRAFT FOR STUDY BY GOS. HE PROMISED TO TRANMIT TEXT BY POUCH AND EXPLAIN IN COVERING NOTE TO MFA THAT UK TEXT ALREADY BEING MODIFIED IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSION AMONG ALLIES. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD EXPLAIN TO MADRID THAT NAC SEEKING TO HAVE NATO DECLARATION READY FOR APPROVAL BY ALLIED FOREIGN MINISTERS AT OTTAWA, BUT THAT TIMING AND MODE OF PROMULGATION HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

5. DCM PROMISED TO CONFER WITH AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AND SEEK GUIDANCE IN HOPE US COULD RESPOND TO GOS REQUEST AFFIRMATIVELY AND PROMPTLY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SPANISH AMBASSADOR BRUSSELS WITH COPY OF UK TEXT. RUMSFELD

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